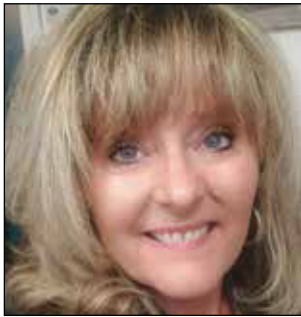




Okanogan residents among lawsuit plaintiffs against governor

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By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER



Patty DeTro

OKANOGAN – Business owner Patty DeTro, wife of Okanogan County Commissioner Jim DeTro is among two Okanogan County residents listed as plaintiffs in a federal lawsuit filed against Washington Governor Jay Inslee on Friday, May 1.

The lawsuit alleges that the governor's actions during the COVID-19 pandemic are in violation of citizens' state constitutional rights.

Eyman, attorney Stephen Pidgeon and Franklin County Commissioner and lead plaintiff Clint Didier were among the party that filed the lawsuit at the Tacoma courthouse at 12 noon last Friday.

Eyman accused the governor of unfairly designating which businesses could

continue operating during the coronavirus pandemic and which businesses could not.

Pidgeon accused the governor of overreaching his authority under the state constitution and said the lawsuit is intended as a class action representing all non-essential Washingtonians.

The suit was filed two days after all three commissioners issued a letter to Gov. Inslee protesting the continued shutdown of nonessential businesses in the county.

On May 1, Gov. Inslee held an afternoon press conference where he announced that he is extending the state's stay-home order through May 31, with a phased-in plan to begin reopening business in mid-month.

Commissioners advise governor of small business resumption

COVID cases hit 25

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

OKANOGAN – Close on the heels of Gov. Jay Inslee's April 27 announcement that Washington outdoor recreation will partially reopen on Tuesday, May 5, the Okanogan County Commissioners upped the ante in a letter issued to the governor on Wednesday, April 29, advising that small businesses in Okanogan County will open as well (see sidebar).

After addressing the gravity of the COVID pandemic and acknowledging the governor's constitutional duty to protect the safety and welfare of the states' citizens the commissioners outlined their own citizens' growing frustrations and mistrust.

Speaking of limited resources to keep the county afloat the Commissioners wrote "We are quickly losing ground and the business community is rapidly losing patience."

The letter cited past disasters county residents and businesses have weathered.

"Okanogan County small businesses have experienced substantial hardship through fire and flooding disasters, and have learned to be especially resilient," wrote the commissioners. "They are confident they can take the appropriate measures to protect their community."

"We believe that it is time to dial-in our strategy to channel fear, energy and mistrust into a more effective machine at the local level."

At a press conference last week Gov. Jay Inslee announced the partial reopening of Washington state to outdoor recreation that "needs to be done with the appropriate social distancing as well as protocols for safety and security of everyone."

Inslee cautioned that some outdoor activities remain off limits. "Public gatherings, events, team sports and camping among other things are not resumed at this time," Inslee said.

The governor stressed that the partial reopening was a data-driven decision and if subsequent results showed an increase in coronavirus cases activity could be curtailed accordingly.

Gov. Inslee appeared with Hillary Franz, Commissioner of Public Lands, Kelly Susewind, Director of the Department of Fish and Wildlife, Don Holt, Director of Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, and Jon Snyder, Senior Policy Advisor for Outdoor Recreation and Economic Development via video link and had each address their particular areas of respon-

Official letter from Okanogan County Board of Commissioners to Governor Jay Inslee dated April 29, 2020. The letter discusses the impact of COVID-19 on local businesses and requests the governor to support local government as creative decision-makers.



Chris Branch, District 1 Andy Hover, District 2 Jim DeTro, District 3

Three of four Quad Cities levies winning approval

Initial results positive

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

QUAD CITIES – Preliminary results from the Tuesday, April 28 special election involving six levy measures show that three of the four specific to the Quad Cities are passing by comfortable or substantial margins as of Friday, May 1.

Public Hospital District No. 1 Okanogan and Douglas Counties Proposition No. 1

Okanogan County This one-year special levy for Three Rivers Hospital is passing by an impressive 72.29 percent with 2,479 affirmative votes among the 3,428 cast.

Douglas County Voters are approving the measure with 218 votes or 56.77 percent in favor and 166 votes or 48.23 percent opposed.

The one-year levy will collect 33 cents (\$.33) per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation starting in 2021. The funds calculated to be about \$750,000 will be applied to maintenance and operational costs, especially for the emergency room.

Okan Douglas County Fire District 15 Emergency Medical Services Okanogan County

Voters are approving the ODCFD 15 levy with 345 (66.86%) supporting and 171 (33.14%) opposing.

Douglas County The levy is passing with 73 votes (58.87%) in favor and 51 votes (41.13%) against.

The six-year levy will collect 50 cents (\$.50) per \$1,000 assessed valuation starting in 2021 to fund emergency medical services.

Proposition 1 City of Brewster Emergency Medical Care and Services Levy

Brewster residents are approving their six-year EMS levy with 111 votes (58.12%) in favor and 80 votes (41.88%) against. The levy will collect 50 cents (\$.50) per \$1,000 assessed valuation starting in 2021.

Proposition 1 City of Pateros Emergency Medical Care or Emergency Medical Services Levy

At this writing with 89 votes counted the six-year EMS measure is narrow failing with 56 votes (52.83%) opposed and 50 votes (47.17%) approved.

With about 50 votes left to tabulate the Okanogan County Auditor will update Okanogan County results at 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 6.

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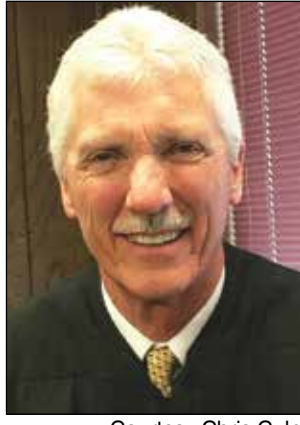
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# Judge Culp seeks final four-year term

BY MIKE MALTAIS  
STAFF WRITER



Courtesy Chris Culp  
**Okanogan County Superior Court Judge Chris Culp**

OKANOGAN – Okanogan County Superior Court Judge Chris Culp issued a formal announcement on Thursday, April 30, that he will seek reelection to his position for a final four-year term.

“I know the citizens of Okanogan County have critical health-related concerns foremost in mind these days; however, it is important too that they know who their elected officials are and that they intend to continue to serve, especially in these difficult times,” said Culp. “I am fortunate to work with a dedicated, professional staff and I’m proud of how we conduct our court in meeting the needs of the county.”

Initially elected to District Court in 1986, Judge Culp was appointed to Superior Court when a new position was established in 2011. He was elected to full terms as Okanogan County Superior Court Judge in 2012 and again in 2016.

Judge Culp stressed that he is “neither running for governor, as many have asked, nor is related to any candidate with the same last name.”

In his announcement Judge Culp said the first

goal of his new term will be to revitalize family treatment court, an intensive service and monitored program designed to help parents and children in crisis. Beyond that Culp said he feels a responsibility to return the court to normal operation following the coronavirus crisis.

“It will be critical to have experience and knowledge of court process to overcome the backlog of jury trials that have resulted from the pandemic-related restrictions,” Culp said.

Judge Culp and his wife, Peg Callaway, have two grown children, Jason (JJ) and Ashley, who both live with their families in the Walla Walla area.

## A maple in April means pollen



Mike Maltais/QCH

When the only maple tree in blocks decides to drop its pollen, it is a hard event to ignore particularly if one's senses react to spring blooms of that sort.

# Spend wisely, and keep it local

BY DENISE SOROM, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY PHILANTHROPY, COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NCW

As we watch the crisis of Covid-19 unfold across the country and around the world, we see huge disparities between the way that wealthy nations, such as ours, and developing countries are able to respond to the pandemic. Income levels define not only how well people can protect themselves from the virus, but how they can cope with the shuttered economy, the mandate for “sheltering in place,” the ability to feed their families, educate their children, and keep themselves emotionally and physically healthy. Many of us feel fortunate to live here in North Central Washington, where the virus is present but not overwhelming our systems.

While we may feel relatively safe here, unfortunately the same disparities exist. The cascading effects of the economic downturn have taken a huge toll on the well-being of our neighbors and fellow community members. Our job at the Community Foundation of North Central Washington is to do all we can to preserve and enhance the quality of life in our region. Since the outbreak of this crisis we have been regularly communicating with our local nonprofit leaders. We host weekly sector calls that gather those addressing food security, housing, and personal safety. We keep in touch with nonprofits that are here to bring meaning to our lives: the arts, education, social services, and environmental and animal welfare.

We have learned that our

neighbors need our help. People have lost their jobs in record numbers, domestic violence is on the rise, and many are struggling to keep their homes and put food on the table. We are heartened that the federal government is offering stimulus checks to help families in these circumstances, but we know it won't be enough.

We also know that some people who receive a stimulus check may find themselves fortunate enough to have a steady income and can maintain their quality of life. If you are one of these fortunate few, we ask you to consider how you might use your stimulus check to help our community recover. If you didn't receive a stimulus check, but have the ability to

make charitable donations, consider how you might direct those charitable dollars during this crisis.

We ask you to keep those dollars local. The money from the federal government is meant to stimulate the economy, so please use it to stimulate OUR economy. Spend it at your favorite locally-owned store or restaurant, buy your produce at the farmers market, or make a donation to your favorite local charity. If you don't have a favorite charity, but you want to help, consider supporting the Helping Hands Grant program at the Community Foundation. Every two weeks we review requests for assistance from a broad spectrum of charitable organizations

and provide them with the critical funding they need to help our most vulnerable populations. We also provide much needed support to nonprofits that have had to close their doors or cancel their events to adhere to public safety guidelines.

We believe that after this crisis, North Central Washington will once again enjoy the tremendous quality of life we have come to appreciate: a plentitude of creative small businesses and restaurants, fantastic arts offerings, world-class outdoor recreation, and top-notch healthcare and human services. Whether or not this hope becomes the post-Covid reality is largely up to you. Spend wisely, and keep it local.

To the helpers in our communities:  
whether it's a donation to a cause, shopping local businesses, making masks, delivering groceries, or just checking in on a friend - we see you, and we appreciate you!

**THANK YOU**

Community Foundation of North Central Washington

www.cfncw.org/covid19

# PUD wins NWPPA Safety Award

OKANOGAN – Okanogan County PUD has earned third place in the 2020 Northwest Public Power Association (NWPPA) Safety Award Program. NWPPA represents public power utilities in the Western U.S. and Canada.

The NWPPA awards, announced April 22, are based on the number of recordable injury/illness cases and the lost workdays in 2019, said PUD Community Relations Coordinator Sheila Corson. Okanogan won in the 150,001-225,000

hours of exposure category behind utilities in Idaho and Oregon that placed first and second. Okanogan PUD won a safety award in 2015 for hours of exposure during the Okanogan Complex wildfire and no injuries.

“Safety is essential to us and the industry. This award indicates we are moving in the right direction,” said General Manager Steve Taylor. “There is always more we can do, and we will continue to emphasize safety first.”

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Please continue to be vigilant in reducing the risk of exposing others to COVID 19 virus

Dear Editor,  
As Gov. Jay Inslee and state officials determine the details of re-opening businesses, we would like to stress the importance of following the “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” edict, which is still in effect through May 31.

As Americans and residents of North Central Washington ourselves, we are fully sympathetic to all the lives affected by the pandemic and the measures that have been taken to slow its spread. This has been an extraordinarily challenging time in our country's recent history, and the economic effects are felt even more acutely in rural areas such as Okanogan County.

However, we all continue to bear responsibility for flattening the curve. We need to continue observing public health guidelines for social distancing, hand washing and mask-wearing. The

U.S. Centers for Disease Control is predicting a possible second wave of the coronavirus this coming winter. Looking to history, the second wave of the Spanish flu of 1918 was the deadliest – a majority of the total estimated 50 million deaths occurred during that time. This was after people had begun resuming their normal activities outside the home.

As Stemilt Growers in Wenatchee recently proved, a lot of people out there are infected and unaware. Those who are asymptomatic can still spread COVID-19 to others who may not be so lucky. We don't have enough tests in our hospitals and clinics to determine whether every person has COVID-19, so we must proceed as though it's everywhere. Temporarily restricting where we can go outside the home may not be 100 percent effective, but it does help minimize exposure and it's

one of the only tools we have at this point to fight the virus.

Along with the lack of testing kits, there's a significant shortage of patient beds, ventilators, and other personal protective equipment (PPE). If Gov. Inslee decides to end the stay home order sooner than later, the number of cases would rise. The number of people needing hospitalization would rise, possibly beyond the number of beds we have and certainly beyond the number of ventilators. North Valley Hospital will not admit any COVID-19 patients in order to protect nursing home residents. Although all health care partners are in full agreement with this decision, it does further reduce the number of beds in Okanogan County for COVID patients.

Furthermore, without enough PPE

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## Brewster, Manson, Orondo, schools receive honors from Washington School Recognition Program

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WENATCHEE - The State Board of Education, the Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee (EOGOAC), and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction have identified 20 North Central Washington schools to be honored as part of the Washington School Recognition Program. Schools in Washington stand out for closing gaps, showing growth, and demonstrating achievement according to new data released by the state.

The state has re-imagined the recognition system to highlight schools that have received support and are thriving, and emphasize positive systems changes happening all over the state. This year, 391 schools are being recognized statewide.

Additionally, the state Legislature has acknowledged the last week in April as Washington School Recognition Week (April 27- May 1).

"Washington schools are inspiring. With these awards we recognize the outstanding efforts of our schools and their positive impact on students," said Washington State Board of Education Chair, Peter Maier. "The State Board, OSPI, and the Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability

Committee are excited to celebrate the diverse educational communities that support Washington's ever-changing K-12 student population. Thank you to our state's schools and educators for your dedication to students!"

In North Central Washington, among the schools recognized were:

- Orondo School District: Orondo Elementary and Middle School: Closing Gaps for one or more student groups at a Targeted Support school.

- Manson School District: Manson Middle School: Closing Gaps for one or more student groups at a Targeted Support school and Growth for students who qualify for the free and reduced-price lunch program, students identifying as Hispanic, and students identifying as White.

- Manson School District: Manson High School: Growth for students who receive special education services.

- Brewster School District: Brewster Middle School: Growth for students who receive special education services.

"The Legislature is dedicated to recognizing the great work Washington schools do," said Senator John McCoy, of Tulalip, member of the Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee and sponsor of this year's Senate resolution honoring state-

recognized schools. "With the current health concerns in our state, we are taking time to thoughtfully and safely celebrate the commitment and success of our schools in serving all students equitably."

"We are so proud of our schools and the comprehensive focus on learning and student achievement. Our students are the future, and at the NCESD we see first-hand the level of commitment and dedication to teaching and learning so that our students can succeed. This is a tremendous honor for each of the schools," explained North Central Educational Service District Superintendent Dr. Michelle Price.

Recognized schools receive a banner for display. To learn more about why schools were recognized, and to see the data behind the recognition framework, visit [sbe.wa.gov/2018-19-school-recognition-methodology](https://www.sbe.wa.gov/2018-19-school-recognition-methodology) or <https://www.sbe.wa.gov/2018-19-school-recognition-methodology>.

The North Central Educational Service District is a resource to the 29 districts within the four-county service area, providing professional and timely tools to meet the needs of individual schools and districts, and a reliable point of education-related information for the communities served. The NCESD is a respected resource to other ESDs throughout Washington State.

## DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF

**April 19**  
Agency assistance at 507 W. Griggs in Brewster.  
911 at 8 Moe court on Bridgeport Bar.  
Suspicious incident at State Route 17, milepost 136 in Bridgeport.  
Property incident at 2209 Monroe Ave. in Bridgeport.  
Miscellaneous at 15 Moe Rd. on Bridgeport Bar.  
Vehicle theft at 12th Street and Columbia Avenue in Bridgeport.

**April 20**  
Fraud/forgery at 42 Riggs Rd. on Bridgeport Bar.

**April 21**  
Traffic offense at State Route 173 and Crane Orchard Road in Bridgeport.

**April 22**  
Suspicious incident at 531 Columbia Ave. in Bridgeport.  
Child protective services/adult protective services at 908 Foster Ave. in Bridgeport.

**April 23**  
Agency assistance at Berry Street and Whitlam Avenue in Bridgeport.  
Noise at 15 Moe Rd. on Bridgeport Bar.

**April 24**  
Welfare check at the 1000 block of Columbia Avenue in Bridgeport.

**April 26**  
Cardiac/beyond at 949 Maple St. in Bridgeport.  
Death at 949 Maple St. in

Bridgeport.  
Breathing problem at 536 Washington St. in Bridgeport.  
Noise at 1717 Fisk Ave. in Bridgeport.

**April 27**  
Breathing problem 2225 Foster Creek Ave. in Bridgeport.  
Agency Assistance at 2225 Foster Creek Ave. in Bridgeport.  
Court order violation at the 500 block of Fairview Avenue in Bridgeport.  
Public assistance at 210 Fairview Ave. in Bridgeport.

**April 29**  
Traffic offense at the 2600 block of Foster Creek Avenue in Bridgeport.

**April 30**  
Civil incident at 120 Fir Ave. in Bridgeport.  
Harassment/threat at 210 Arden Ave. on Bridgeport Bar.  
Suspicious incident at 130 W. Second Ave. in Mansfield.

**April 30**  
Suicide threat at 226 Hamilton St. in Mansfield.  
Disturbance at 108 Pine St. on Bridgeport Bar.  
Traffic offense in the 929 Maple St. area in Bridgeport.  
Traffic offense at 1808 Raymond Ave. in Bridgeport.  
Warrant at 17th St. and Foster Ave. in Bridgeport.

**May 1**  
Disturbance at 15 Edson St. on Bridgeport Bar.  
Traffic offense at 929 Maple St. in Bridgeport.  
Noise at 427 11th St. in Bridgeport.

## SCC/SFCC announce winter quarter honor roll

SPOKANE -Edgar and Carlos Najera, both Brewster High School graduates, are listed among 2,301 Spokane Community College to

make the 2020 winter quarter honor roll that ended in March. The honor roll lists those students who achieved a grade point av-

erage (GPA) of 3.0 above during the fall quarter.

C'Aira Murray and Jose Sampiero of Brewster are among 1,886 students at

Spokane Falls Community College who scored a 3.0 or better GPA to make the SFCC winter quarter honor roll that ended last March.

## Survey seeks input on broadband service

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

OKANOGAN - A brief online survey is seeking

information from county broadband users to help

SEE BROADBAND ON PAGE 4

# Salute to Nurses – 2020 Year of the Nurse

Nurses Week  
May 6-12

GREENSHOOT MEDIA - In honor of the 200th birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale, the World Health Organization declares 2020 as the year of the nurse.

According to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, the health care field will add 3,059,800 new registered nursing jobs between 2018 and 2028; that's a growth rate of 12%. In support of nurses, WHO suggests the "Triple Impact" to give these professionals the tools they need to excel inpatient care: better health, stronger economies and greater gender equality. With these tools, nursing experts are given the opportunity to receive a formal education, enroll in training programs and enter a career that stimulates the economy and health care field.

Who was Florence Nightingale?

Florence Nightingale is widely known as the founder of modern nursing. During the Crimean War, she oversaw providing care for the British and allied soldiers in

Turkey. Sometimes called, "The Lady with the Lamp," Nightingale would go on to found the first scientifically based nursing school in London, in 1860. She was also responsible for instituting training for mid-wives and nurses who practiced in workhouse infirmaries. Her work continues to inspire medical professionals today and led to her birthday, May 12, being designated to commemorate International Nursing Day each year.

As part of the 2020 celebration for nurses, WHO will release its first State of the World's Nursing Report. The document will describe how the nursing workforce can help deliver Universal Health Coverage and Sustainable Development Goals. It will also highlight new areas for policy growth over the next three to five years. 2020 will be the final year for the Nursing Now campaign that was started in 2018. The movement focused on five areas:

1. A more prominent voice in health policy making.
2. Greater investments in the nursing workforce.
3. Recruiting more nurses in leadership roles.

4. Conducting research to find where nurses can have the most impact.

5. Share of the best nursing practices. You can help spread the

message by sharing the Nursing Now campaign across social media, host-

ing local events or advocating for the nurses in your community.



Happy Nurses Week [confluencehealth.org](http://confluencehealth.org)



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Nursing: A Work of Heart

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**OBITUARIES**

**Donna G. Bausch**

Donna G. Bausch (Peckham) passed away at her home outside of Tonasket, Washington surrounded by loving family and friends on the morning of April 20, 2020 after a courageous 14 year battle with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. She is survived by her mother Janelle Peckham, husband Michael Bausch, sons Weston and Joel Williams, daughter Candace Mayfield and seven grandchildren Marianne, Joshua, Ethan, Kylie, Madison, Aiden and Aaron.

Born December 28, 1949 in Brewster, Washington she was a true Okanogan girl at heart and even though she lived in several locations throughout her life including, Albion, Washington, Wenatchee, Washington, Kent, Washington, Newport,



Washington, Oklahoma, Hawaii and Utah, her home was the Okanogan where she owed property outside of Tonasket for 36 years.

Raised on horses she owned several throughout her life and was an avid and skilled rider and trainer. There weren't many days in the first half of her life when she wasn't riding, including the day before she gave birth to her eldest son. She would regale in stories of her cousin Lynda and her riding together.

A nurse by trade, she went to both Loma Linda U and Washington State University where she met her first husband David Williams before moving to the Seattle area and practiced as a home health provider.

She loved spending time in the word and grew much closer in her walk with Christ during her years of battling Lymphoma. All who knew her were inspired by how upbeat and positive she was and even though she was often going through great physical hardships she constantly praised the Lord and spent her energy helping others without complaint.

She will be missed by family and friends and will, without a doubt, be there with us in our Lord's heavenly kingdom. Until we meet again Donna, we love you.

**Janette (Jan) L. Morris**

Janette (Jan) L. Morris, 72, of Brewster, Washington passed away peacefully at home on April 23, 2020.

Born to Olen and Cecelia White of Cashmere on October 25, 1947 in Wenatchee, Washington. Jan graduated from Tonasket High School in 1966.

Jan moved to Brewster, Washington and married Donald (Butch) Morris in 1968.

Jan was a devoted mother to five children and grandmother to 12 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

She worked in the fruit industry for MAGI, later



Chelan Fruit for 45 years, until she retired in 2016.

She is survived by her children, Wendy Morris-Heller (John), Brian, Kevin (Mindy), Patrick and Aaron, 12 grandchildren, Brianna, Keely, Cameron,

John, Dalton, Jonathon, Megan, Bailey, Clay, Brevin, Kaiden and Drake, 2 great-grandchildren, Rylinn and River and her brother Larry White. Jan was preceded in death by her parents Olen and Cecelia White, her sister Barbara O'Neil and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

The immediate family will be having a private graveside service and a Celebration of Life will be held later this summer.

Please leave any thoughts and memories for the family at [www.barneschapel.com](http://www.barneschapel.com). Services are entrusted to Barnes Chapel of Brewster.

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EAST WENATCHEE - Sarah Simonson the Veterans Service Officer for Douglas County, is available for appointments in her office at 211 11th St. NE in East Wenatchee. Call her at 509-683-3605. You can also find her on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/douglascountyvso>

**Okanogan County Transportation & Nutrition meal delivery**

BREWSTER - In response to concern for the health of senior citizens regarding COVID-19, OCTN has established emergency measures which offers seniors a designated time in which they may arrive at their local Senior Center and pick up a meal to take home. We are asking all seniors interested in taking a meal home to please call their Senior Center to reserve a pick-up time. This service modification is in place thru March 26. The health threat related to the virus will be re-evaluated at that time. Call the Brewster Site Coordinator at 509-689-2815 to arrange for a meal pickup. The home-delivered meal program is not interrupted and is on its regular schedule.

For more information about senior meal programs: Okanogan County Transportation & Nutrition at 509-826-7979 or Aging & Adult Care of Central Washington at 800-572-4459

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday**

**Senior meals**  
BREWSTER - The Brewster-Pateros-Bridgeport Senior Center hosts the Okanogan County Transportation and Nutrition (OCTN) meals Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Suggested donation for those over age 60 is \$4. For those 60 and under the cost is \$8.50.

**Thursday, May 7**  
Biscuits & Gravy (Sausage Gravy), O'Brien Potatoes, V-8 Juice, Orange Quarters, Dessert

**Tuesday, May 12**  
Chicken Burger Deluxe, Sweet Potato Fries, Pea Salad, Mixed Berries, Dessert

**Wednesday, May 13**  
Shepherd's Pie, Caesar Salad, Apricots, Cheesy Bread, Dessert

**Thursday, May 14**  
Ham & Scalloped, Potato Casserole, Glazed Carrots, Garden Salad, Waldorf Salad, WW Roll, Dessert

**May 8, 20 Brewster area**

**monthly bus trips to Omak and Wenatchee**

BREWSTER - OCTN takes Brewster area residents to Wenatchee, second Friday of the month. Next trip is May 8. The bus starts picking folks up at their homes at 7:30 a.m. Riders may request destination(s); medical appointments etc. On the third Friday of each month, May 20, riders will be taken to Omak for the day. Riders request their destination(s).

Wenatchee: \$12/boarding for General Public, \$6 suggested donation/day for Seniors (60 plus). Omak: \$5.50/General Public, \$2.75 suggested donation Seniors (60 plus). (509) 826-4391 to reserve your seat.

**Submitting your Bulletin Board item - Deadline Friday at 5 p.m.**

Who: Any non-profit 501(c)3 group. Person(s) must submit full name and contact phone number. What: Items pertaining to local events, meetings etc., that are free or a minimum charge. Where: email to: [ruthk@lakechelanmirror.com](mailto:ruthk@lakechelanmirror.com), subject line QCH Bulletin. Deadline: Friday at 5 p.m. Be sure and include Date, time, place and cost if any.

# SOCIAL DISTANCING Is Working!

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We know that social distancing – staying 6 feet away from each other in public places – works. All of your efforts to stay home and to maintain social distancing when you are out are working! Keep up the great work.

Wash your hands frequently with soap and water.

Use 60% alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water is not available.

Clean and sanitize common areas.

Wear a facemask when in public.

For COVID-19 updates and information, visit [www.cdhd.wa.gov/Covid-19](http://www.cdhd.wa.gov/Covid-19)

**COVID 19**

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to manage the surge of patients, more health care workers would become sick themselves. For a rural area where it's already difficult to recruit enough nurses and providers, this could be catastrophic to our communities.

Our hospitals are as pre-

pared as they can be for a potential surge, but we are fully supportive of preventive measures to ensure the health of our residents before they're sick enough to need life-saving intervention.

Regardless of the state's decisions, we urge everyone to please continue to be vigilant in reducing the risk of exposing others to this virus. Livelihoods are important, but so is saving

lives.

J. Scott Graham, CEO Three Rivers Hospital and North Valley Hospital Alan Fisher, CEO Mid-Valley Hospital and Clinics

Jean Pfeifer, Board Chair North Valley Hospital Mike Pruett, Board Chair Three Rivers Hospital Dr. James Wallace, Chief of Staff Three Rivers Hospital

**BROADBAND**

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learn more about and improve the local service.

The Okanogan County/Colville Confederated Tribes Broadband Action Team (BAT) has posted the 14-question survey online at [survey.monkey.com/r/OKCTBAT](http://survey.monkey.com/r/OKCTBAT) as part of its

Broadband Planning Study. "We are looking to gather more specific information from all of you that will give us a deeper representation of what broadband looks like across the county and reservation," said Roni Holder-Diefenbach, executive director of the Economic Alliance in Omak.

All responses will be kept confidential and shared only

with broadband consultant Associated Communication & Research Services (ACRS) who will incorporate the data into the study.

"This information is critical to the development of our CERB (Community Economic Revitalization Board) Planning Study that will be rolled out to our BAT and to our local leaders in the fall," Diefenbach said.

**Due to the COVID19 Virus, churches have suspended Saturday and Sunday Services, Sunday School and meetings.**

*Please call or email your church listed below if you need more information. May you take time to pray, rest, meditate and reflect during this time. Stay well, stay strong and stay informed.*

## QUAD CITY CHURCH GUIDE

**BREWSTER • BRIDGEPORT • PATEROS**

**BREWSTER SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH AND SCHOOL**

Saturday Bible Study 9:30 a.m.  
Saturday Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Church: 509-689-3537

17 Hospital Way NE, Brewster  
[www.brewstersda.com](http://www.brewstersda.com)  
School: 509-689-3213  
115 Valley Road, Brewster  
[www.brewsteradventistschool.com](http://www.brewsteradventistschool.com)  
Pastor Matthew Axford

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.  
509-689-2920 • 6th & Jay  
[www.cbcbrewster.com](http://www.cbcbrewster.com)  
Pastor Greg Thorn

**COMMUNITY LOG CHURCH**

Sunday Worship 10 a.m.  
509-689-2224 • 501 W. Indian Avenue  
[www.communitylogchurch.com](http://www.communitylogchurch.com)  
Pastor Gordon Wright

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Holy Communion 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sunday  
Bible Study & Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
509-689-3106 • 1520 Sunset Dr.  
Pastor Kevin Moore

**NEW TESTAMENT BAPTIST**

Sunday 10 a.m., 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Wednesday 7 p.m.  
Adult Prayer & Bible Study and King's Kids  
509-689-2420 • 412 W. Hanson

"With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible."  
- Matthew 19:26

To place your Church information in the Church Guide call Ruth at 682-2213 or email: [ruthk@lakechelanmirror.com](mailto:ruthk@lakechelanmirror.com)

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# CLASSIFIEDS

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

THEME: 21ST CENTURY ACROSS

1. A bit cracked  
5. Traitor's blow?  
9. Cause of Princess' downfall  
12. Hawaiian tuber  
13. Prospector's mother?  
14. Heavy footsteps  
16. "Iliad" or "Odyssey"  
17. Caribbean color  
18. Frustration, in print  
19. "Proponent of colonization of Mars"  
21. Small island  
22. "Edmond Halley's apparition, 2061-2062"  
23. Expression of disgust or recoil  
24. "2007 "Invention of the Year"  
27. Give satisfaction  
31. Neither a win nor a loss  
32. Having no courage  
35. Medicinal houseplant  
36. Dodge, as in a tax bill  
38. Take the gold  
39. Anti-seniors sentiment  
40. Immigrate  
41. Bold and without shame  
43. Take illegal drugs  
44. Adverb of steep  
46. Tower of London guard  
48. "Legalized in many states"  
49. Cambodian monetary unit, pl.  
51. Gift toppers  
53. "Major spring 2020 occurrence"  
56. "23andMe unit"  
57. Baron Munchausen, e.g.  
58. Original thought  
60. Not yes or no  
61. Nobel Peace Prize home  
62. Long forearm bone  
63. Fomal wear, colloquially speaking  
64. "Review service"  
65. "Walter White's concoction"

DOWN

1. Polished off  
2. Mock or make fun of playfully  
3. Seed covering  
4. Late Baroque  
5. "Harvey Weinstein's new home, slangily"  
6. Part of chef's uniform  
7. Sunbaked, archaically speaking  
8. Bird's groomer  
9. Opposite of knit  
10. Competitive advantage  
11. Combustion product  
14. Boreal forest, in Russia  
15. "Number sign turned metadata tag"  
20. Time being  
23. Coffin alternative  
24. Agenda entries  
25. Turning point  
26. Launch or throw  
27. "Millennials' followers, for short"  
28. One hipbone  
29. "Madagascar" predator  
30. "Site of Abdrabbuh Mansur Hadji/Houthi conflict"  
33. Best-laid plans often go \_\_\_\_  
34. Roman road  
37. "Sites with no easy access"  
39. Anoint  
41. Sandwich with acronym name  
42. Ophthalmologist's prescription quantity  
45. Wild West group  
47. Os  
49. Pay hike  
50. All told  
51. One of the Bridges  
52. December stone  
53. Clever tactic  
54. Opposite of busy  
55. Copper coin  
56. Greenwich-related acronym  
59. Expression of pleasure

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We also have a small safe that is free to a good home. It has not been opened for many years because we do not know the combination. It could include valuable material we don't know.

If interested, call: 509-548-5286 or 509-670-1837.

## GENERAL MERCHANDISE

Spring super clearance sale on Pacific Energy Fusion woodstove-Reg \$2,100 now \$1,600, Breckwell Mahogany woodstove-Reg \$1,900 now \$900 (4 remaining) ALJU Stove & Fireplace, Omak. 826-2736

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**CITY OF PATEROS COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Pateros City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 6:00 pm at City Hall Council Chambers located at 113 Lakeshore Drive, Pateros, WA. Notice of access to the ZOOM meeting will be posted online at pateros.com or you may call city hall at 509-923-2571. Handouts describing the program in question are available online at the below link: <https://deptofcommerce.app.box.com/s/pqk5711y3ne8r10w-bx2e149s904ekm4b>  
 Access for the hearing impaired and others can be accommodated using Washington Relay which can be reached at 1-800-833-6384 and at the below website: <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/dhh/telecommunication-relay-services>  
 The purpose of the public hearing is to review community development and housing needs, inform citizens of the availability of funds and eligible uses of the state CDBG, and receive comment on proposed activities, particularly from lower income persons residing in the City of Pateros.  
 Up to \$900,000 for construction and up to \$30,000 for planning may be available to the City of Pateros on a statewide competitive basis to fund public facility, community facility, economic development, planning and affordable housing projects that principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons.  
 An outline of the proposed Pederson Road Infrastructure Project will be available for review by email request to pateros@swift-stream.com beginning April 30th, 2020. Comments may also be submitted in writing to the City of Pateros, until Monday, May 18, 2020. The Pateros Council Chambers is handicap accessible. Arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs, including handicap accessibility or interpreter, will be made upon receiving 24-hour advance notice. Contact Kerri Wilson at (509) 923-2571. All public hearings are open to the public and our citizens are encouraged to attend.  
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**May is National Osteoporosis Awareness and Prevention Month**

When May arrives every year, I think of my mother. Although it's true that Mother's Day is in mid-May, May is also National Osteoporosis Awareness and Prevention Month. For the last ten years of her life, my mother suffered greatly from complications of osteoporosis. Osteoporosis is a condition where your bones become weak, making them more likely to break. Nearly 54 million Americans have low bone mass or osteoporosis, according to the National Osteoporosis Foundation (NOF), a health organization dedicated to preventing osteoporosis and broken bones through awareness, education, and research. This silent but devastating disease affects more women than men. Women have a 50% chance of suffering a hip, spine, or wrist fracture during their lifetime. However, this bone disease doesn't affect only women; nearly 30% of men will also experience a broken bone from osteoporosis. Osteoporosis-related fractures aren't just painful; they can be deadly. One in four women and one



in three men WILL DIE within one year of experiencing a broken hip. If you are female, the likelihood of you breaking a bone from osteoporosis is equal to your risk of having breast, uterine, and ovarian cancer COMBINED. My mother broke her left wrist when she was 74 years old when tripping on a curb while trying to catch a bus in downtown Seattle. Four years later, she fell when getting out of bed in the middle of the night to use the bathroom, breaking her hip. I gently suggested that she get her injury checked out by her doctor, but she stubbornly insisted to me, "It's not broken, I just sprained my knee." She hobbled around on it for nearly two weeks before she gave in and saw a doctor, but by then it was too late. The bone of her right upper leg had split apart, then started knitting together in the wrong position as she walked on it, leaving her with the discomfort

and awkwardness of having one leg an inch shorter than the other for the rest of her life. Although its complications show up in old age, osteoporosis can start in childhood because the thinner your bones are when young, the more likely you'll experience a fracture later in life. We build nearly 90 percent of our peak bone mass before we turn 20 years old. In middle age, that process begins to reverse. We lose 1% of our bone mass every year, doubling to 2% every year for women after menopause. Find out more about osteoporosis at the National Osteoporosis Foundation website, [www.nof.org](http://www.nof.org).

Here are 6 Tips to Help Keep Your Bones Strong and Healthy:

1. Get adequate calcium and vitamin D.
2. Eating a variety of foods rich in calcium is essential to building and maintaining a healthy bone density. Green leafy vegetables like broccoli, Brussels sprouts, and kale are good sources of calcium, along with dairy products like milk and yogurt. A calcium-rich diet is more effective at preventing osteoporosis than tak-

ing calcium supplements. If you take prescription bone-building medicines, you may need additional calcium and Vitamin D supplementation.

3. Don't smoke. My mother started smoking when she was 18 years old, and it took her over 60 years to quit. Stopping smoking decades earlier could have helped her avoid the fractures which plagued her later years.

4. Ask your doctor. Testing your bone density helps determine how likely you are to have a bone break in the future. If your bones are too thin, future bone loss can be slowed with medicine and other strategies. My mother never knew her bones were thinning until she broke her wrist. With screening and bone-building medicines, she

might have avoided the hip fracture that changed her life so drastically.

5. Try eating prunes every day. Eating prunes every day can build up your bones, according to two recent studies. The participants consumed about ten prunes every day for a year, but you don't have to eat nearly that many to benefit your bones. Since prunes have a natural laxative effect, I suggest starting out eating just a couple prunes daily, then gradually increasing as you can.

6. Take your medicine. Several bone-building drugs are available: tablets you take every week or every month, or injections given daily, every six months, or once a year.

*Dr. Louise Achey, Doctor of Pharmacy, is a 40-year veteran of pharmacology and author of Why Dogs Can't Eat Chocolate: How Medicines Work and How YOU Can Take Them Safely. Check out her NEW website TheMedicationInsider.com for daily tips on how to take your medicine safely. © 2020 Louise Achey*

**THE WASHINGTON OUTDOOR REPORT**

**Fishing and Hunting Reopens**

normally would be on May 5. Spring turkey season also opens on the 5th as does spring bear hunting, this latter season being extended to June 30.

It is important to note these activities could be restricted (or even closed again) if outdoors enthusiasts don't follow rules and guidelines currently in place to limit the spread of COVID-19 to include:

Staying local (if you can't get to your destination and back in a day, you are going too far.



Courtesy John Kruse

**Wendy Herrera with a nice walleye caught in the Columbia River Gorge**

day, you are going too far. Maintaining social distance of at least six feet from one another.

Don't contribute to overcrowding. If that boat launch or park is full of people, go somewhere else.

State wildlife areas and Department of Natural Resource owned lands are open for day use, as are the majority of state parks. National Forest lands are also open though access through Forest Service roads could be challenging. Many roads above 3,000 feet in elevation remain impassable due to snow.

**Fishing And Hunting Reports: Chelan, Douglas And Grant Counties:**

Travis Dawson manages the fishing department at the East Wenatchee Sportsman's Warehouse store. He says trout anglers will find "Lily, Clear Lake and Beehive Reservoir are all stocked and accessible in the Wenatchee Heights. Other options are Wapato and Roses Lake near Manson and the Rock Island Ponds in Douglas County. According to Dawson, "Those trout are going to be hungry and fishing should be on fire!" Dawson says many bass and walleye anglers are

going to Moses Lake. Less crowded options would be Potholes Reservoir or Banks Lake. In Dawson's opinion, "Nothing has changed in terms of opportunity, there is just lots of fresh fish to catch since they have not had any pressure yet." Dawson also suspects the good fishing will last several weeks because there won't be as many people fishing at one time like the traditional lowland lake opener. Sportsman's Warehouse stores are open for business and have plenty of fishing tackle along with lots of gear and ammunition for turkey hunting.

**Curlew Lake - Ferry County**

Sandy Beck is the co-owner of Fisherman's Cove Resort at Curlew Lake in Ferry County. When asked about being open on the 5th Beck replied their resort is not open now because they are not considered an essential business. However, the Becks are hoping to be open by Memorial Day or June 1st. Beck says, "Once we do, we'll be enforcing strict sanitation measures to include temperature checks, mask use and hand sanitizer use. We want to make sure our guests are safe."

**Columbia River Gorge**

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for perch. They were illegally stocked a few years ago and now there are plenty of them and some are good sized. In addition to this the lake has been stocked with trout and Curlew Lake remains one of the premier places in the state for tiger musky though they are hard to catch.

**Conconully Area Lakes - Okanogan County**

Sam Martin, the mayor of Conconully and owner of the Comstock Motel in town said he is looking forward to having a good season starting May 5th but asks that visitors practice good social distancing and stay home if they are not healthy.

Martin says the state launches at both Upper and Lower Conconully Lake will be open and both lakes have healthy populations of bass, trout and kokanee. Other nearby lakes in the Sinlahekin Wildlife Area will also be open for day use. Assuming you are a local resident but want to stay overnight, Martin says there are some overnight lodging options available in Conconully at the local motels and cabin resorts. There is also a small store in town and two restaurants offering to-go dining.

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